

ENERGY STAR® QUALIFIED REFRIGERATORS & FREEZERS



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FEATURE FACT SHEET

Looking for a high-performance refrigerator or freezer that saves money, too? ENERGY STAR has the answer.

REFRIGERATORS

Over 33 million U.S. households have older refrigerators that consume more energy than any other appliance in the home. Replacing your older unit with a newer model can save you a lot of energy—and money.

Recycle the dinosaur in your basement. Thanks to advanced technologies, ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators are 15 percent more efficient than conventional models, and twice as efficient as models built before 1993. Recycle your pre-1993 dinosaur and replace it with an ENERGY STAR qualified model—you'll save between \$20 and \$55 a year on your energy bills.

Many ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators include other “luxury” features as well:

Freshness. Some models contain compartments that maintain different foods at different temperatures, keeping food fresher longer.

Convenience and design. Many ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators include humidity controls, stainless steel exteriors, automatic icemakers, water dispensers, and removable door bins.

Peace and quiet. Because they contain more insulation than less efficient models, ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators often run quieter, too.



COMPACT FRIDGES AND FREEZERS

Compact Refrigerators. If you're replacing that mini-fridge in the basement or buying a compact fridge for your kid's freshman dorm room, look for the ENERGY STAR. ENERGY STAR qualified compact refrigerators use at least 20% less energy than conventional models.

Freezers. Better insulation makes an ENERGY STAR qualified freezer 10 percent more efficient than a non-qualified model, which can save you \$40 to \$100 over the lifetime of the unit. ENERGY STAR qualified freezers are available in chest, upright, compact, and full-size models.

GET THE MOST FROM YOUR REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER

Stay cool. If you wanted to keep your drink cold, you wouldn't put it in the sun, and the same goes for your refrigerator or freezer. Watch out for hot spots like windows, ovens, and dishwashers.

Give it some space. Allow for a 1-inch space on each side of the unit for proper air circulation

Keep it well fed. Keep the unit stocked to reduce your overall energy usage.

Don't get extreme. Keep refrigerators between 36° F and 38° F and freezers between 0° F and 5° F. You use 25 percent more energy by keeping temperatures 10 degrees lower than recommended levels.

ENERGY STAR: Comfort, performance, and savings throughout your home.

Products that meet strict energy guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy earn the ENERGY STAR.

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